



# The Halyard

A weekly newsletter for  
Virginia's  
Library Media Specialists  
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## Charlie's chatter

Why is it that some weeks fly by and Friday is here before you know it and you have not accomplished one thing on your 'to-do' list? I realized this past Friday that I had not written a Halyard for either the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 11<sup>th</sup>. My ship was facing some strong cross winds and was most definitely off course.

As many of you know, the computer technology SOL are being revised and over the past several weeks my office has been working to incorporate all of the concerns and suggestions that were sent in to the email address and the comments from the sessions that were presented on the topic. As we worked to make sure our language was clear and precise, a question was raised as to what is print versus non-print. Traditionally, print was anything on paper and non-print was all the rest. But today, many things that were originally in print format have been digitized. So do they now become non-print? What happens when you take materials that is digitized and print it? Does it now become print? And to add to the confusion, how do you cite it? Wow! Technology is changing even the definitions of our words!

Let me know your thoughts on print versus non-print.

## Linking Libraries News

Good News! AASL has accepted our proposal to present our Linking Libraries Project at their national conference in Pittsburgh this fall. We would love to have 'testimonials' from you to include in our presentation. Send your stories to me and let us share your success with others at this exciting conference.

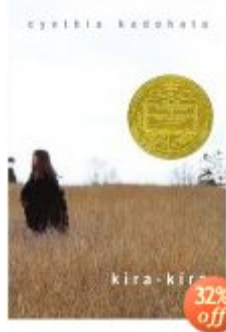


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## List serve Discussion

There has been considerable discussion on the VEMA list serve about the selection of the Newberry Award winner, Kira Kira.



Opinions were expressed in support of and others with concern for the book.

It was great to see so many people participate in the discussion. It brings home the need to make sure that materials selected for the school library must be reviewed based on the climate and population of the school, not solely on the review in the library journals or by the awards given by prestigious organizations.

## On the Road

Each of the specialists within the office of educational technology are assigned to work with school divisions with the implementation of the Title II Part D entitlement of No Child Left Behind. This winter and spring OET grant managers will be visiting in the schools seeing how technology is changing the way teachers teach and students learn. The NCLB project is in its third year and evidence is being collected to show how effective the grant has been. While the managers are unable to visit every school, they will be visiting with the technology coordinators, the grant writers and with the technology integration specialists within each division. Be sure to welcome them if they visit your library. Look for Joyce Faye White, Julie Mersiowsky, Mark Saunders, Jason Ellis, Linda Holt, or Charlie Makela to be in your division soon.



## EdTech



The Central Virginia Public Television station presents a technology conference each year in early February. EdTech is known for its hands-on approach to technology integration. During the two-day event, hundreds of educators can attend sessions ranging from basic software integration to designing web pages and everything in between. Linda Holt and I both presented this year. Linda led a discussion on the uses of both hand-held and tablet computers. She also introduced attendees to Pinet-Personal Internet Library ([www.pinetlibrary.com](http://www.pinetlibrary.com)), a great way to not only manage bookmarks/favorites but to create online learning activities. And it is FREE! I presented on the computer/technology standards and Linking Libraries.

Happy Valentine's Day  
To All!



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